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August 2020 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 3

Statistical Data Report for August 2020, Released October 2020

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in August in 41 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 7 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. All 50 states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier. The national unemployment rate fell by 1.8 percentage points over the month to 8.4 percent but was 4.7 points higher than in August 2019.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 40 states and was essentially unchanged in 10 states and the District of Columbia in August 2020. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 49 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in 1 state.

Nevada had the highest unemployment rate in August, 13.2 percent, followed by Rhode Island, 12.8 percent, and Hawaii and New York, 12.5 percent each. Nebraska had the lowest rate, 4.0 percent, followed by Utah, 4.1 percent, and Idaho, 4.2 percent. In total, 29 states had jobless rates lower than the U.S. figure of 8.4 percent, 10 states had higher rates, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 3

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): August 2020

U.S. - 8.4%

Illinois - 11%

Indiana - 6.4%

Kentucky - 7.6%

Michigan - 8.7%

Ohio - 8.9%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): August 2020

#14 - Allen (6.7%)

#31 - Grant (5.9%)

#43 - Noble (5.7%)

#56 - Wabash (5.3%)

#57 - DeKalb (5.2%)

#61 - Huntington (5%)

#77 - Wells (4.7%)

#78 - Whitley (4.7%)

#79 - Steuben (4.6%)

#89 - Adams (3.9%)

#90 - LaGrange (3.9%)

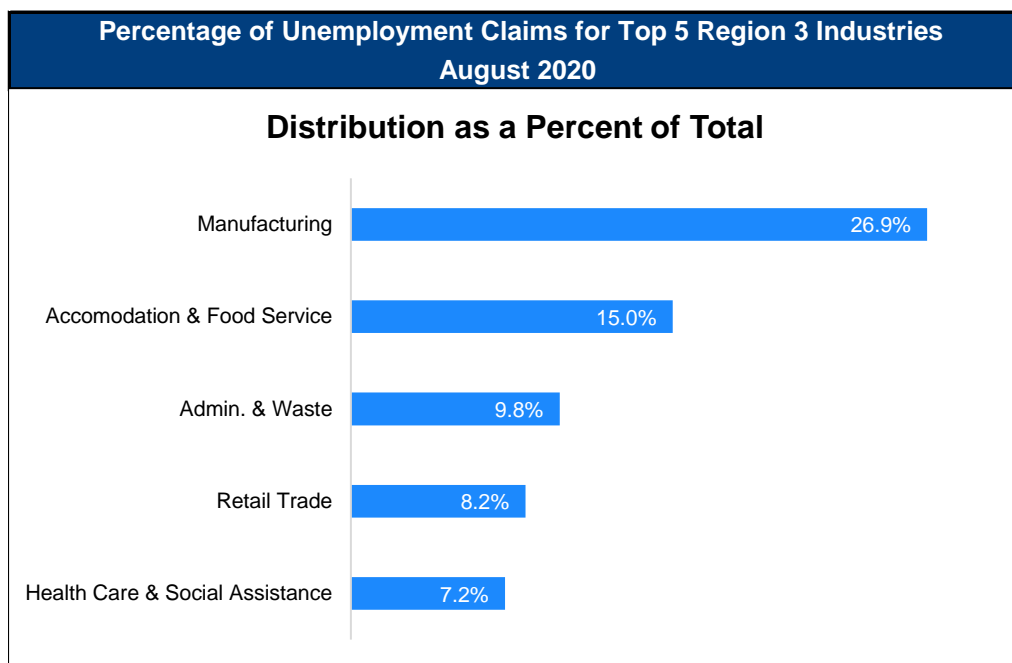
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

August 2020 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19
U.S.	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5%	10.5%	3.8%
IN	3,364,666	3,147,142	217,524	6.5%	8.0%	3.4%
EGR 3	383,549	361,164	22,385	5.8%	7.5%	3.1%
Fort Wayne MSA	218,185	204,122	14,063	6.4%	8.2%	3.1%
Adams Co.	16,846	16,187	659	3.9%	5.1%	2.9%
Allen Co.	186,578	173,998	12,580	6.7%	8.6%	3.2%
DeKalb Co.	22,340	21,180	1,160	5.2%	6.8%	2.9%
Grant Co.	30,726	28,907	1,819	5.9%	7.2%	3.9%
Huntington Co.	18,118	17,213	905	5.0%	6.4%	3.1%
LaGrange Co.	19,337	18,578	759	3.9%	5.1%	2.9%
Noble Co.	23,176	21,863	1,313	5.7%	7.8%	3.1%
Steuben Co.	20,601	19,650	951	4.6%	6.2%	2.7%
Wabash Co.	14,220	13,464	756	5.3%	6.3%	3.2%
Wells Co.	14,166	13,501	665	4.7%	5.9%	2.6%
Whitley Co.	17,441	16,623	818	4.7%	6.1%	2.9%
Fort Wayne	130,654	120,688	9,966	7.6%	9.6%	3.3%
Marion	12,222	11,312	910	7.4%	8.8%	4.4%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:09/20 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2020 from				
CPI Item	Aug-19	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	1.3%	0.3%	1.1%	0.4%
Food & Beverages	4%	0.1%	2.9%	-0.3%
Housing	2.1%	0.2%	2%	0.3%
Apparel	-5.9%	1.8%	-7.7%	1.2%
Transportation	-4.1%	0.8%	-3.4%	1.2%
Medical Care	4.5%	0.1%	4.3%	0.5%
Recreation	1.3%	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%
Education & Communication	2.3%	0.4%	2.7%	0.4%
Other Goods & Services	2.2%	-0.2%	1.7%	-0.7%

*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 3 for August 2020				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for August 2020 for Region 3.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices | For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims: August 2020

Region 3

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 1,578
08/08/20 - 1,074
08/15/20 - 1,364
08/22/20 - 1,130
08/29/20 - 1,281

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 15,806
08/08/20 - 14,447
08/15/20 - 13,788
08/22/20 - 13,163
08/29/20 - 12,577

Total Claims

08/01/20 - 17,384
08/08/20 - 15,521
08/15/20 - 15,152
08/22/20 - 14,293
08/29/20 - 13,858

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 12,551
08/08/20 - 10,624
08/15/20 - 11,569
08/22/20 - 10,597
08/29/20 - 10,779

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 199,336
08/08/20 - 183,083
08/15/20 - 170,341
08/22/20 - 164,569
08/29/20 - 158,742

Total Claims

08/01/20 - 211,887
08/08/20 - 193,707
08/15/20 - 181,910
08/22/20 - 175,166
08/29/20 - 169,521

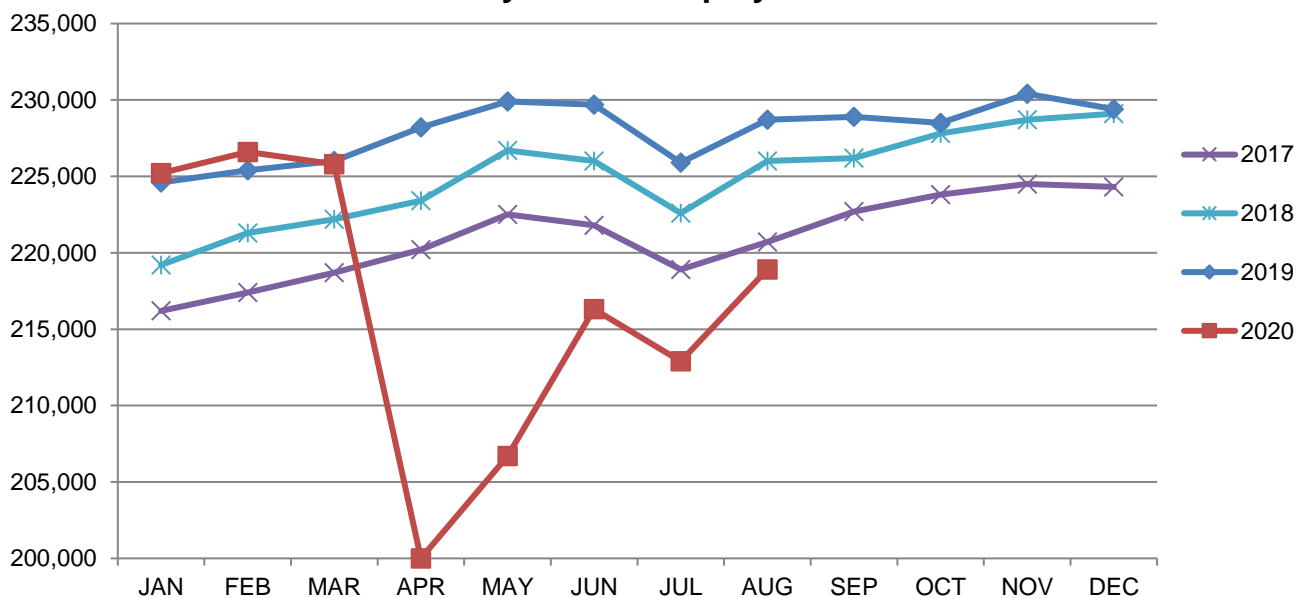
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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Fort Wayne MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2020			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20 to Aug-20		Aug-19 to Aug-20	
Total Nonfarm	218,900	212,900	228,700	6,000	2.8%	-9,800	-4.3%
Total Private	198,300	195,800	207,700	2,500	1.3%	-9,400	-4.5%
Goods Producing	49,500	48,300	50,200	1,200	2.5%	-700	-1.4%
Service Providing	169,400	164,600	178,500	4,800	2.9%	-9,100	-5.1%
Private Service Providing	148,800	147,500	157,500	1,300	0.9%	-8,700	-5.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	12,600	12,700	12,000	-100	-0.8%	600	5.0%
Total Manufacturing	36,900	35,600	38,200	1,300	3.7%	-1,300	-3.4%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	26,400	26,200	28,700	200	0.8%	-2,300	-8.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	7,700	7,500	8,300	200	2.7%	-600	-7.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	43,800	43,100	43,800	700	1.6%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	10,600	10,700	10,800	-100	-0.9%	-200	-1.9%
Retail Trade	23,900	23,300	23,600	600	2.6%	300	1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	9,300	9,100	9,400	200	2.2%	-100	-1.1%
Information	2,000	2,000	2,200	0	0.0%	-200	-9.1%
Financial Activities	12,500	12,500	12,600	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Professional and Business Services	20,800	20,700	22,400	100	0.5%	-1,600	-7.1%
Education and Health Services	40,700	40,200	42,400	500	1.2%	-1,700	-4.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	17,600	17,600	22,400	0	0.0%	-4,800	-21.4%
Other Services	11,400	11,400	11,700	0	0.0%	-300	-2.6%
Total Government	20,600	17,100	21,000	3,500	20.5%	-400	-1.9%
Federal Government	2,700	2,300	2,200	400	17.4%	500	22.7%
State Government	2,900	2,900	3,100	0	0.0%	-200	-6.5%
Local Government	15,000	11,900	15,700	3,100	26.1%	-700	-4.5%
Local Government Educational Services	8,400	5,400	8,700	3,000	55.6%	-300	-3.5%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Fort Wayne MSA Employment Trends



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 3 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Psychiatric Aides
2	Production Workers, All Other
3	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
4	Packers and Packagers, Hand
5	Office Clerks, General
6	Manufacturing Production Technicians
7	Registered Nurses
8	Team Assemblers
9	Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
10	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
11	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
12	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
13	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
14	Customer Service Representatives
15	Nursing Assistants
16	Helpers--Production Workers
17	Managers, All Other
18	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
19	Printing Press Operators
20	Sewing Machine Operators

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 Occupations Desired by Applicants on their Resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	9,093
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	5,655
Helpers--Production Workers	3,750
Cashiers	2,342
Customer Service Representatives	2,268
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,011
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,771
Office Clerks, General	1,415
Packers and Packagers, Hand	1,302
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	1,218
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	1,217
Managers, All Other	1,203
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,162
Retail Salespersons	1,158
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,139
Nursing Assistants	1,060
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	1,053
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	1,036
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	964
Receptionists and Information Clerks	921

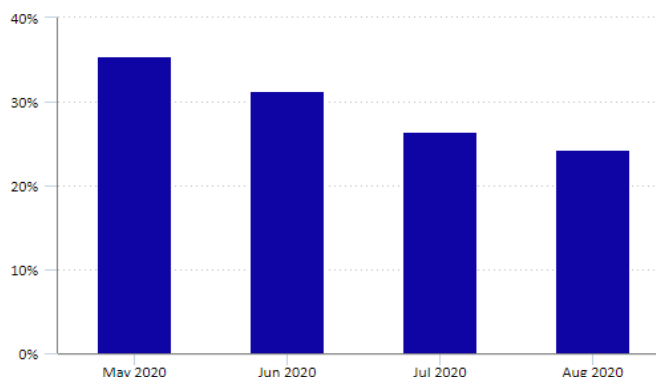
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One-Quarter of the Employed Teleworked in August 2020 Because of COVID-19 Pandemic

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economic Daily*)

About 1 in 4 people employed in August 2020 teleworked or worked from home for pay because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 24 percent of workers who teleworked in August was down from 35 percent in May, the first month these data were collected.

Percent of employed people who teleworked at some point in the last 4 weeks because of the COVID-19 pandemic

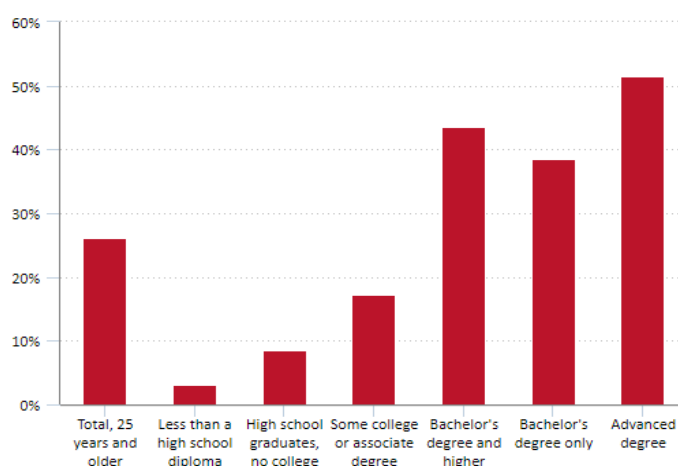


The likelihood of teleworking fell from May to August, but the patterns across the demographic groups and other worker characteristics were generally similar over the months. In August, 27 percent of women teleworked because of the pandemic, compared with 22 percent of men. Telework was more common among Asians (43 percent in August) than Whites (23 percent), Blacks (21 percent), and Hispanics (16 percent).

Younger workers were less likely than older workers to have teleworked because of the pandemic. In August, 11 percent of employed people under age 25 had teleworked because of the pandemic, compared with 27 percent of workers ages 25 to 54 and 23 percent of workers age 55 and older.

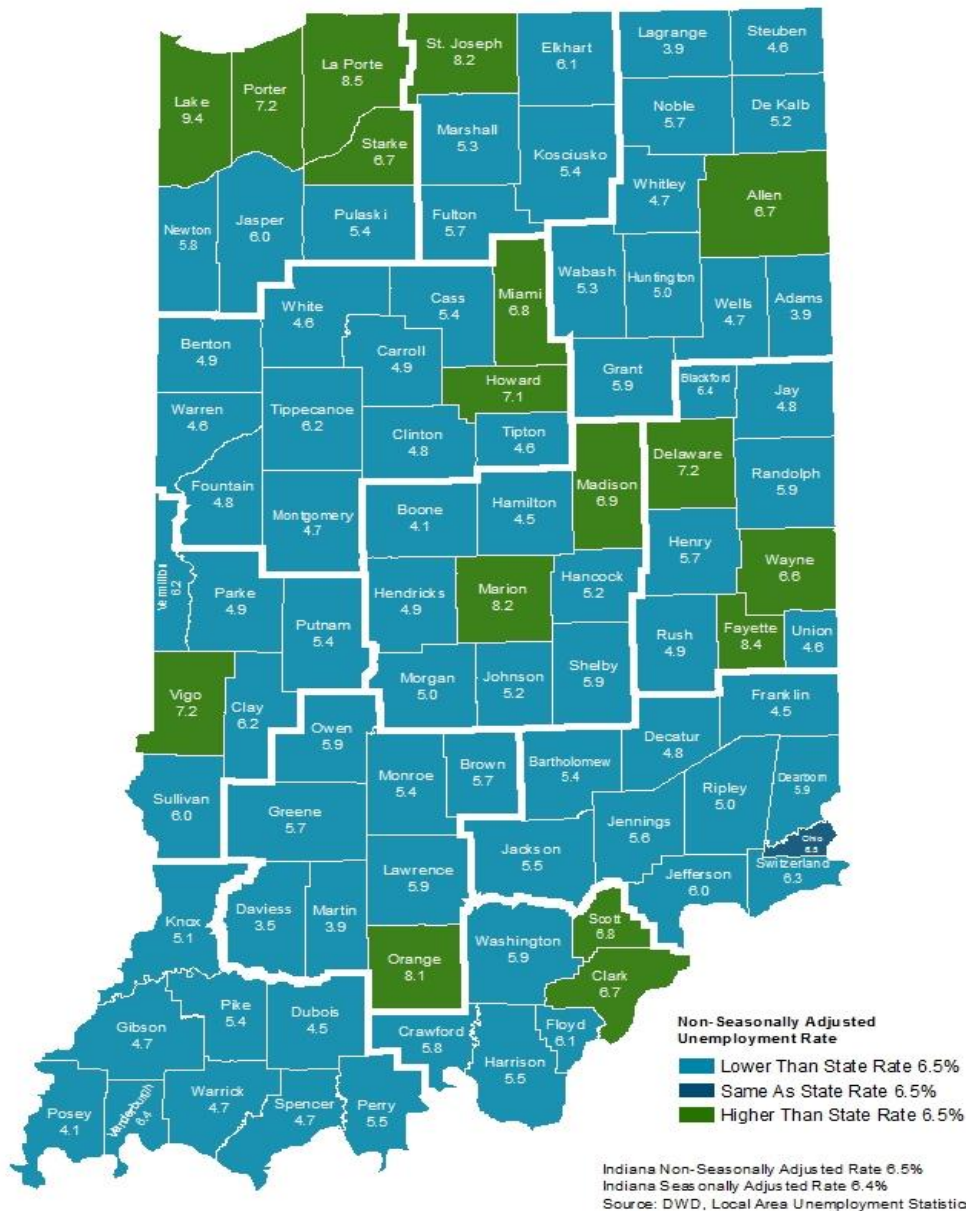
Workers with higher levels of educational attainment were more likely to have teleworked because of the pandemic. Among employed people age 25 and older in August, only 3 percent of those with less than a high school diploma teleworked, compared with 44 percent of those with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Percent of employed people 25 years and older who teleworked at some point in the last 4 weeks because of the COVID-19 pandemic by educational attainment, August 2020



These data are from the Current Population Survey and are not seasonally adjusted. Beginning in May 2020, the Bureau of Labor Statistics added questions to the Current Population Survey to help gauge the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the labor market. A summary of the impact of the pandemic on the monthly Employment Situation also is available. These data refer to employed people who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the past 4 weeks specifically because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This does not include those whose telework was unrelated to the pandemic, such as employed people who worked entirely from home before the pandemic. People whose ethnicity is Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

County Unemployment Rates August 2020



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